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EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION

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1. PARA 1 OF REF B WAS FIRST INTIMATION THIS CONGEN HAS RECEIVED OF COMMERCE DECISION TO ELIMINATE EARTH MOVING AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT FROM THE TRADE MISSION WHICH WE GATHER FROM READING PPS 40 AND 41 OF "COMMERCE TODAY" OF JULY 22, 1974, HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND TO LIMIT MISSION TO MINING EQUIPMENT.

2. ON THE BASIS INFO CONTAINED IN REF B CONGEN VOLUNTEERS OBSERVATION FROM VANTAGE POINT OF KARACHI AND SUBJECT TO OVERRIDING COMMENT FROM ISLAMABAD, THAT THE VISIT OF A TRADE MISSION HERE CONFINED TO MINING EQUIPMENT WOULD SERVE NO GREAT PURPOSE THIS YEAR. AS STATED ON PAGES 14 AND 15 OF CONGEN MARKET SURVEY FOR EARTH MOVING, CONSTRUCTION AND MINING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PREPARED MAY 1974, ONLY SIZE-ABLE POTENTIAL PURCHASERS OF MINING EQUIPMENT AT PRESENT ARE NEW MINERALS DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS SPOKEN WITH CHAIRMEN BOTH THESE CORPS DURING LAST FEW DAYS TO OBTAIN THEIR MOST UP-TO-DATE VIEWS CONCERNING PROSPECTIVE NEED FOR MINING MACHINERY. RDC WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY ENGAGED IN DIAMOND CORE DRILLING OVER NEXT YEAR FOR WHICH IT HAS ALREADY PURCHASED FIVE LONGYEAR AND ONE INGERSOLL RAND DRILL RIGS. THE ACTUAL MINING PHASE, WHICH MAY FOLLOW IN A YEAR OR SO, WILL PROBABLY BE OF OPEN STRIP CHARACTER, REQUIRING GENERAL EARTH MOVING MACHINERY RATHER THAN SPECIALIZED MINING EQUIPMENT. MDC CHAIRMAN KHILJI ALSO STATES HE HAS NO SUBSTANTIAL NEEDS OVER NEXT YEAR, HAVING JUST PLACED ORDER WITH AUSTRIAN FIRM FOR MACHINERY FOR PLACER GOLD MINING.

3. ON BASIS ABOVE, CONGEN RECOMMENDS AGAINST INCLUSION OF VISIT TO KARACHI IN ITINERARY OF MINING EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION TO INDIA THIS AUTUMN OR WINTER. SINCE COMMERCE NOT PLANNING EARTH MOVING AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TRADE MISSION FOR INDIA, WE PRESUME ON THIS BASIS THAT NONE IS NOW PROJECTED FOR PAKISTAN DURING PERIOD THROUGH END 1974, (ALTHOUGH WE WOULD WELCOME SUCH A MISSION IF IT SHOULD COME.) WE, THEREFORE, PLAN TO GO AHEAD WITH ASSISTANCE TO BARBER GREEN CO TECHNICAL SEMINAR ON ASPHALT AND ROAD PAVING EQUIPMENT PLANNED BY THAT FIRM FOR OCT 74 AS MENTIONED REF A.

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